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adapter piece having a receiving chamber for a turnbuckle, wherein the adapter piece is inserted in guides pointing toward the interior of the supporting profile and is axially held by means of securing devices which are inserted in bores penetrating the guides,

wherein a disk-type end piece, which is adapted to the cross-section of the supporting profile, is provided for being placed on at least the open face of the supporting profile and is connected with the adapter piece.

2. (Amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 1,

wherein the end piece is constructed as a formed body with a concave recess which is adapted to the external curvature of a round profile.

3. (Amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 2,

wherein the formed body is provided with a passage opening for the guiding-through of a turnbuckle.

4. (Amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 1,

wherein the end piece is provided with a joint part for the connection with additional profiles.

5. (Amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 4,

wherein the joint part includes a first disk which extends perpendicular to the end piece and has a center bore and includes an additional second disk which is connected with the first disk by means of a bolt acting as an axis of rotation and which is equipped with fastening devices for another profile.

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6. (Amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 5,
wherein the second disk is connected with another end piece.

7. (Amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 5,
wherein the second disk is provided with a clamping part for the
insertion into one of the longitudinally extending grooves of another supporting
profile.

8. (Amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 5,
wherein hemispheres are provided for the lateral covering of the disks.

9. (Amended) Supporting profile according to Claim 8,
wherein the hemispheres have a center bore with a thread and, by
means of this thread, are screwed onto a thread at the ends of the bolt penetrating
the disks.

Please add the following new claims:

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Sub c 20. (New) A supporting profile for erecting a structure comprising:
an elongated hollow body having first and second ends and a
longitudinal groove on outside of the body, the carrying profile;
an adapter piece inserted into and secured to the first end of the
elongated body, the adapter piece having a receiving chamber for receiving a
turnbuckle; and
a disk-type end piece disposed at the first end and connected to the
adapter piece.

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11. (New) The supporting profile according to Claim 10,
wherein the end piece has a concave recess adapted to an external curvature of a round profile.
12. (New) The supporting profile according to Claim 11,
wherein the end piece has an opening for the turnbuckle to pass through.
13. (New) The supporting profile according to Claim 10,
wherein the end piece has a joint for connection to another profile.
14. (New) The supporting profile according to Claim 13,
wherein the joint includes a first disk which extends perpendicular to the end piece and has a center bore, and a second disk having a center bore and being connected with the first disk by means of a bolt extending through the center bores and acting as an axis of rotation, the second disk having a fastening device for connection to another profile.
15. (New) The supporting profile according to Claim 14,
wherein the second disk is connected to another end piece.
16. (New) The supporting profile according to Claim 14,
wherein the second disk has a clamping part that is configured for insertion into a longitudinal grooves of another supporting profile.